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enrichment of the content of arithmetic work is not necessarily detrimental to the mastery of the essentials. The book considers also the relation between arithmetical abilities and the excellence of the course of study in arithmetic. While the excellence of the course of study doubtless is a factor in producing abilities, "systems vary so widely in the uses they are making of courses of study that the chances are about even that if one were to choose a system of schools with a good standing in abilities, that system would rank among the poorer systems as to course of study."

The tests used in the study are given in the book. The method of the study is given fully in Part I, and there should be no difficulty in adapting it in any school system. This scientific study provides the educational world with a means of beginning to standardize its products.

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The Body at Work. Book IV, "The Gulick Hygiene Series." By Frances Gulick Jewett. Cloth. Illustrated. Pp. 247. \$0.50.

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THE MACMILLAN COMPANY, NEW YORK

- The Psychology of Thinking. By Irving Elgar Miller. Cloth. Pp. 303. \$1.25. WORLD BOOK CO., YONKERS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
- Human Physiology. An Elementary Textbook, of Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene. ("New-World Science Series.") By John W. Ritchie. Cloth. Illustrated. Pp. 362. \$0.80.
- New-World Speller. By Julia Helen Wohlfarth and Lillian Emily Rogers. Cloth. Illustrated. Pp. 160.